

Connecting Ireland Phase 2

Implementation Review 2023



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Foreword

More people than ever have access to reliable and frequent public transport services connecting towns and townlands across rural Ireland. This is due in a large part to the rollout of greatly improved bus services under the National Transport Authority's (NTA) Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan.



The Transport for Ireland (TFI) bus network in rural Ireland has grown since the launch of the plan in January 2022. To date, we have introduced over 100 new or enhanced bus routes in rural areas across the State. These frequent, affordable bus services offer freedom for people in communities to travel and use sustainable transport connections in areas outside of our major towns and cities.

In 2023, Connecting Ireland launched a total of 65 routes, 24 new and 41 enhanced bus services. Since these changes were introduced, over 800,000 journeys have been recorded. These services have provided new connections to 190 towns and villages, 34 colleges and 42 hospitals as well as offering 49 connections to rail services allowing passengers to connect to the wider TFI network.

As part of our five-year Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan, we continue to strive to deliver the following benefits:

- Over 70% of those living outside of cities will have access to public transport services that provide at least three return trips each weekday to a nearby town.
- Improved mobility options for those in remote areas with the provision of Smart Demand Responsive Transport (SDRT) and other innovative transport services.
- Over 100 new local centre connections from rural settlements in the hinterlands.
- Over 100 new county town connections from all types of settlements around county towns. Over 60 new regional centre/city connections from all types of settlements around these centres/cities.

2024 is the third year of the five-year plan and we aim to continue introducing more new and enhanced bus services throughout rural Ireland.

Anne Graham,
CEO, National Transport Authority

Executive Summary

The Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan (the Plan) is an initiative by the NTA to improve connectivity and mobility in rural areas through the development of new and enhanced public transport services.

This report is a review of the implementation of Phase 2 of the Connecting Ireland (CI) Plan in 2023. This report summarises the objectives and definitions of the Plan, including summary highlights of the new and enhanced services, a review of patronage levels on Connecting Ireland services during 2023 and a look ahead to what is planned for the next phase.

In Phase 2, sixty-five new and enhanced bus services were introduced via the Connecting Ireland Plan. Over 120,000 weekly vehicle kilometres were added to the public transport network via 24 brand new services and 41 frequency enhancements including some route extensions. 190 new towns and villages have as a result been connected to the TFI Public Transport Network.

A total of 4.7 million passenger journeys were recorded on Connecting Ireland routes in 2023, with over 800,000 passenger journeys being recorded from the date enhancements were introduced. Connecting Ireland services continue to see an increase in patronage. Compared to patronage figures in 2019, services enhanced under the Connecting Ireland Plan saw a patronage growth of 110% by the end of 2023¹. Where Connecting Ireland services have been implemented patronage has increased 70% from 2022 to 2023.

The Connecting Ireland Plan is a multi-phase plan with Phase 3 underway in 2024.

¹ 2019 is used as the baseline for comparative purposes due to the impact of COVID-19 on regular operational data in 2020 and 2021.



Introduction

Overview of the Plan

Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility plan is a major public transport initiative developed by the NTA with the aim of increasing connectivity for people living outside our major cities and towns. The Plan focuses on improving mobility in rural areas by establishing better connections between villages and towns. Its dual purpose is to facilitate access to local services and enhance connectivity to an expanded regional network that links cities and regional centres across Ireland. In late 2021, the NTA actively engaged with stakeholders and the public to shape this transformative plan.

Connecting Ireland operates as a multiphase plan. During Phase 1 (spanning 2022) several new and enhanced bus services were introduced, improving bus services across various counties. Phase 2, (covering 2023) built upon the successful routes established in Phase 1 and extended its reach to even more rural areas across Ireland.



Plan Objectives

The Connecting Ireland Plan objectives are summarised below:

Economic

- To develop a framework for continued delivery and management of a fit for purpose all Ireland public transport network outside of the major Metropolitan Areas.
- To provide transport services that are socially beneficial but financially unviable.

Network Development

- To implement a system of monitoring and evaluation to ensure that the public transport network responds to changes in demand for transport over time.

Social

- To contribute to reducing transport deprivation, particularly in rural Ireland.
- To contribute to a reduction in rural isolation and promote social equity by providing an alternative to the private car for social trips.
- To support public policy on developing the night-time economy.

Accessibility

To provide improved access to shops, services, employment and education opportunities for all people in all communities in Ireland at a level appropriate to the size of the community and in line with national planning policy. In particular to:

- Reduce car dependency.
- Increase accessibility of more people to more places.
- Provide levels of connectivity appropriate to the scale and function of settlements.
- Provide affordable transport options.

Integration

- > To improve both the spatial and temporal integration of the transport network in order to provide more opportunities for interchange and thereby increase the range and variety of destinations accessible within a reasonable journey time.
- > To align the rural transport network with the strategic policy and achieve the key aims defined in relevant policy.

Regional Connectivity

- > To improve regional connectivity (particularly in areas currently underserved) through enhancements to the public transport network.

Counterbalance

- > To improve the competitiveness of key towns, regional centres and cities outside the Greater Dublin Area to support economic development and support rural development, by investing in public transport services.

Environmental

- > To encourage the use of sustainable transport options.
- > To provide a viable alternative to the private car and thereby encourage a shift to more sustainable transport modes.
- > To increase the contribution to climate change improvement by the transport sector by reducing the use of the private car for mobility.

The Rural and Interurban Network

The Connecting Ireland Plan aims to target improvements within the rural and interurban network. The rural and interurban network refers to the transport infrastructure and services that connect rural and urban areas. The rural network includes transport services that connect smaller towns and villages to larger cities and towns, while the interurban network includes services that connect towns and cities to one another.

During the Connecting Ireland scoping process, rural settlements to be assessed for the Connecting Ireland Plan were defined as having a minimum of 50 occupied dwellings, with a maximum distance between any dwelling and the building closest to it of 100 metres, and where there was evidence of an urban centre (shop, school etc.)

As a result, the Plan's aim is to improve regional bus routes by providing them more often and by ensuring better connections between towns and cities. Additionally, local bus routes will be improved to provide better connections between towns and villages and to provide better integration with other bus and rail services. The schedules of different modes of transport will be reviewed and integrated to make transfers easier for the user. Non-conventional options like Door-to-Door public transport will be considered to serve areas not reached by other improvements.



Phase 2 New & Enhanced Services Summary

Under Phase 2 of the plan, following extensive consultation and detailed planning, 65 new and enhanced services were implemented in 2023. This consisted of 24 new services and 41 route enhancements. The services were delivered by a combination of Bus Éireann, TFI Local Link and Commercial Bus Operators. These are outlined below:

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	01/01/2023	897	Kilkenny - Castlecomer - Carlow - Athy	Serves Kilkenny, Castlecomer, Carlow Town, Athy.
TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	16/01/2023	188	Athboy - Drogheda via Navan and Duleek	New connection to Kentstown and Duleek.
TFI Local Link Wexford	13/02/2023	384	Enniscorthy - Bree - Killurin -Wexford	Connects Wexford Town and Enniscorthy via rural hinterland.
TFI Local Link Galway	22/05/2023	438	Tuam - Headford - Corrundulla - Menlo - Galway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electric bus Introduced. • Improved connectivity between Tuam and Galway, via rural hinterland.
TFI Local Link Cork	12/06/2023	232	Allihies - Dursey Sound - Castletownbere - Bantry - Kilcrohane	Improved connectivity between Allihies and Kilcrohane.

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
TFI Local Link Waterford	12/06/2023	356	Dungarvan - Ballymacarbry - Clonmel	New service between Dungarvan and Clonmel.
Bus Éireann	25/06/2023	270	Skibbereen - Bantry - Kenmare - Killarney	Significantly enhanced services and timetable.
TFI Local Link Kerry	10/07/2023	281	Waterville - Sneem - Kenmare	Improved connectivity between Waterville and Kenmare.
TFI Local Link Mayo	10/07/2023	978	Belmullet - Castlebar	Additional services added, providing more frequency.
TFI Local Link Wexford	12/07/2023	387	Wexford Town - Rosslare Harbour via Rosslare Strand	More frequent services and improved operating hours.
TFI Local Link Kerry	17/07/2023	280	Waterville - Cahersiveen - Killorglin - Killarney	Improved connectivity between Waterville and Killarney.
TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	24/07/2023	171	Shercock - Carrickmacross - Inniskeen - Dundalk	Improved connectivity, between Shercock and Dundalk.
TFI Local Link Kerry	24/07/2023	274	Tarbert - Ballybunion - Ballyheigue - Ardfert - Tralee	Improved connectivity between Tarbert and Tralee.
TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	31/07/2023	426	Longford - Knockanboy - Killashee - Ballyleague - Roscommon	Improved connectivity between Longford and Roscommon.

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	01/08/2023	834	Roscrea - Mountrath - Portlaoise	Additional evening services.
TFI Local Link Waterford	07/08/2023	363	Tallow - Lismore - Cappoquin - Dungarvan	Additional evening and weekend services.
TFI Local Link Wexford	07/08/2023	388	Wexford - Barntown - Foulksmills - Wellingtonbridge - Duncormick - Bridgetown	Increased frequency and hours of operation.
TFI Local Link Waterford	07/08/2023	667	Waterford - Dungarvan	Increased services.
TFI Local Link Wexford	14/08/2023	399	Fethard - Ramsgrange - Ballyhack - New Ross	Improved connectivity between Hook Head and New Ross.
TFI Local Link Wexford	21/08/2023	392	Wellingtonbridge- Ballycullane - Newbawn - New Ross	New service.
TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	21/08/2023	822	Mountrath - Abbeyleix - Carlow	Improved connectivity between Mountrath and Carlow.
Bus Éireann	27/08/2023	170	Cavan - Baillieborough - Kingscourt - Carrickmacross - Dundalk	New service connecting Dundalk to Cavan.

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	28/08/2023	318	Ennis - Quin - Limerick	New service connecting Ennis to Limerick servicing Quin, Kilkishen, O'Callaghan's Mills, Broadford and Ardnacrusha.
TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	28/08/2023	342	Ennis - Clooney - Tulla - Feakle	Connects Flagmount to Ennis servicing Feakle, Scarriff and Tulla.
TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	28/08/2023	344	Ennis - Clooney - Tulla - Feakle - Scarriff - Mountshannon - Whitegate	Whitegate to Ennis, servicing Mountshannon.
TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	28/08/2023	819	Mullingar - Castletown Geoghegan - Athlone	Improving connectivity between Athlone and Mullingar.
TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	28/08/2023	887	Carlow - Bagenalstown - Graiguenamanagh - New Ross	Improves connectivity between Carlow and New Ross.
TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	04/09/2023	850	Roscrea - Templemore - Roscrea - Birr - Banagher - Cloghan - Athlone	Improves connectivity between Athlone and Roscrea.
Bus Éireann	10/09/2023	329	Limerick - Ballyneety - Bruff - Kilmallock - Kilfinane	Enhanced timetable with earlier and later departures.
TFI Local Link Waterford	11/09/2023	357	Youghal - Clashmore - Aglish - Villerstown - Whitechurch - Dungarvan	Services Youghal, Kinsalebeg, Clashmore, Aglish, Villerstown and Dungarvan.

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
Bus Éireann	24/09/2023	354	Carrick-on-Suir - Portlaw - Waterford - Dunmore East	Extended from Portlaw to Carrick-on-Suir.
TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	01/10/2023	176	Monaghan - Clones - Cavan	Additional services.
TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	01/10/2023	521	Newcastle West - Charleville	Addition of an early morning service and higher frequency Thursday to Sunday services.
TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	01/10/2023	929	Corlough - Ballinamore - Cavan	Additional services and enhanced connectivity to villages and areas such as Ballinamore, Newtowngore, Taffs Cross and Killashandra.
TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	16/10/2023	982	Ballyshannon - Maugerow - Sligo	Increase in frequency and operating hours.
TFI Local Link Mayo	30/10/2023	454	Ballina - Crossmolina - Lahardane - Pontoon - Turlough - Castlebar	Three daily return services Monday to Sunday from Ballina to Castlebar.
TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	30/10/2023	563	Sligo - Dromahair	Serves Sligo, St. Angela's Campus and Dromahair.
TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	30/10/2023	566	Dowra - Dromkeeran - Sligo	Updated to operate via Ballintogher and Ballygawley.

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	30/10/2023	981	Coolaney - Sligo - Dromahair	Enhanced from four to ten daily return services.
TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	06/11/2023	977	Castlereagh - Ballaghaderreen - Sligo	Up to eight daily return services Monday to Saturday between Sligo to Ballaghaderreen.
NTA Contract	19/11/2023	126	Dublin - Kildare - Rathangan	Increased frequency of service with more services extended to Rathangan throughout the week.
TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	20/11/2023	885	Sallins - Naas - Blessington - Ballymore Eustace - Baltinglass	Extended from Ballymore to Baltinglass.
TFI Local Link Tipperary	27/11/2023	322	Portumna - Terryglass - Ballinderry - Dromineer - Ballycommon - Nenagh	The route will connect villages and areas such as Nenagh, Ballycommon, Dromineer, Puckaun, Coolbawn, Ballinderry, Terryglass, Carrigahorig, Lorrha and Portumna.
TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	03/12/2023	196	Knocksedan - Swords	Enhanced timetable and Sunday operation.
TFI Local Link Galway	04/12/2023	547	Portumna - Ballycrossaun - Eyrecourt - Ballinure - Ballinasloe	Improved frequency of services.
TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	04/12/2023	C2	Cavan - Kilnaleck	Extended from Ballinagh to Kilnaleck.

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	04/12/2023	C3	Redhills - Farnham Estate	Now serves the Swellan area.
Bus Éireann	10/12/2023	272	Tralee - Listowel - Ballybunion	Increased frequency and hours of operation.
Bus Éireann	10/12/2023	279	Tralee - Castlemaine - Milltown - Killorglin - Killarney	Enhanced frequency and hours of operation.
TFI Local Link Waterford	11/12/2023	356	Dungarvan - Ballymacarbry - Clonmel	Enhancement, to serve Marlfield and align with Clonmel Town bus services.
TFI Local Link Waterford	11/12/2023	361	Youghal - Ardmore - Dungarvan	Extended into Youghal.
TFI Local Link Waterford	11/12/2023	364	Tallow - Fermoy	Extended to Dungarvan.
Commercial Bus Operator	11/12/2023	923	Galway - Clifden	Increased frequency, timetables are now integrated between BÉ 419 and CBO 923 services.
Bus Éireann	17/12/2023	360	Tramore - Waterford	Increased frequency and hours of operation.

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
Bus Éireann	17/12/2023	419	Clifden - Galway	Increased frequency and hours of operation.
Bus Éireann	17/12/2023	423	Clifden - Letterfrack - Leenaun - Westport	Increased service and frequency.
Bus Éireann	17/12/2023	424	Leitir Mealláin - An Cheathrú Rua - Casla - An Spidéal - Bearna - Galway	Increased service and frequency.
Bus Éireann	17/12/2023	458	Ballina - Inniscrone - Ballisodare - Sligo	Re-routed along the N4 between Sligo Bus Station and Balladrihid to improve journey times and reliability.
Bus Éireann	17/12/2023	360A	Tramore - Waterford	Increased frequency and hours of operation.
Bus Éireann	17/12/2023	425A	Galway - Monivea - Caltra - Mountbellew	Increased service and frequency.
Bus Éireann	17/12/2023	S2	Strandhill - Sligo - Rosses Point	Frequency was improved from an hourly service to a 30 minute service.

Operator	Date Implemented	Route Number	Description	Summary
TFI Local Link Kerry	18/12/2023	268	Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis - Ballydavid - Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis	Provides improved connectivity to villages and areas such as An Fheothanach, Baile na nGall, An Mhuiríoch, An Cuas and Gallarus.
TFI Local Link Kerry	18/12/2023	276	Castlemaine - Annascaul - Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis	Improves access to Castlemaine, Boolteens, Inch, Annascaul and Lios Póil
TFI Local Link Kerry	18/12/2023	277	Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis - Ceann Trá - Baile an Fheirtéaraigh - Dhún Chaoin	Improved connectivity to the villages and areas of Ceann Trá, Baile an Fheirtéaraigh, Dhún Chaoin and the Basket Centre
TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	18/12/2023	572	Ballinamore - Riverstown - Sligo	Enhanced connectivity to villages and areas such as Keadue, Ballyfarnon, Geevagh, Riverstown and Ballygawley



Case Studies

Case Study Route 280 & 281 - Waterville to Killarney/Kenmare:

As part of the Connecting Ireland Plan, the NTA and TFI Local Link Kerry identified areas including Waterville, Cahersiveen, Kells, Glenbeigh, Killorglin, Beaufort, Fossa and Killarney as needing better bus services to improve connectivity and mobility for residents living in these settlements. The TFI Local Link service provides a higher frequency service, a peak-time service for commuters as well as improved connectivity to rail services in Killarney and regional bus services in Killorglin.

Additionally, the Iveragh Peninsula was identified as lacking coverage with onward travel at Kenmare for connections to Killarney, Tralee, Bantry and Skibbereen. The new route provides enhanced connectivity to villages and areas such as Sneem, Caherdaniel, Castlecove and Tahilla.

Alan O’Connell, General Manager, TFI Local Link Kerry, said “The new routes highlight how TFI

Local Link Kerry continues to improve sustainable public transport options across the County. These new services are part of the Connecting Ireland Rural Mobility Plan which is a major national public transport initiative developed and funded by the NTA as part of the TFI Network.

Since July 2023, new routes 280/281 now provide greater connectivity and flexibility than ever before for the communities in Kerry. The 280 operates seven daily return services Monday to Sunday between Waterville and Killorglin, which includes three daily return trips between Waterville and Killarney. The 281 operates four return trips Monday to Sunday covering the Iveragh Peninsula and facilitates a peak-time service for commuters and improved connectivity to regional bus services and the wider TFI Network.”



What passengers have said




“Fantastic service!
We used the 281 this morning to get from Caherdaniel to Waterville and walked the Kerry Way back in time for lunch! This service is such a great addition. Thank you.”



What passengers have said




“I travelled from Glenbeigh to Fossa by TFI Local Link... brilliant service and lovely, corteous bus driver. It was also good to see the service was so busy. Great to see the local public transport enhancements.”



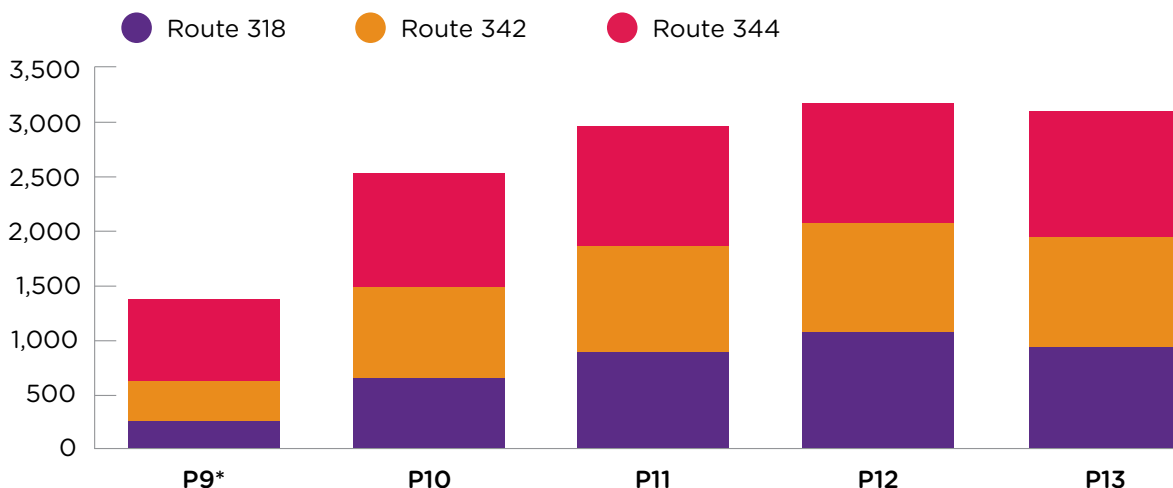
Case Study Routes 318/ 342/ 344

As part of the Connecting Ireland Plan, the NTA and TFI Local Link Limerick Clare identified areas around County Clare as needing new bus services to improve connectivity and mobility for residents living in these settlements. The TFI Local Link services 342 and 344 provide a higher frequency service, between Scariff and Ennis. The 318 provides connectivity to other transport links in Limerick and has been designed to capture some movements of previously operated routes.

Anne Gaughan, General Manager, TFI Local Link Limerick Clare, said:

“In August 2023 we introduced three new Regular Rural Services in East Clare. The 318 service marked our inaugural route linking Ennis to Limerick and bridging the gap for towns along the route that previously lacked daily transportation options to either destination. We are delighted to see that the passenger figures continue to grow and for the first time students and employees can get to college & work in Limerick by public transport direct from Kilkishen, O’Callaghan’s Mills, Tulla & Broadford. The 344 service from Whitegate to Ennis has the highest passenger patronage of the three new routes and continues to grow on a monthly basis. The 342 is the first regular connection for Flagmount and Feakle offering a seven-day week service, this service complements the 344 on the Tulla road to Ennis.”

New Routes TFI Local Link Limerick Clare Periodic Patronage 2023



What passengers have said



“For the people living within the area, it will give them access to anywhere on the bus route and also for people that want to come into the area, I think it will open up Flagmount to the rest of the county. We have a lot to offer.”

*The transport calendar is split into 13 Periods. Period 1 starts on the 1st of January each year. Periods are of 4 weeks duration, with Period 13 finishing on the 31st December.

Case Study Route 360 - Waterford to Tramore:

As part of the Connecting Ireland Plan, the NTA and Bus Éireann launched an enhanced Route 360 which provides year-round connectivity between Waterford and Tramore.

The enhanced route now provides a frequency increase to every 20 minutes during the day and 30 minutes in the evening with a more direct two-way routing in Tramore. These significant increases in services serve locations such as

Waterford, Gracedieu Manor, Riverstown, Tramore and Crobally Heights.

Route 360 was designed to meet all customer needs, providing morning and evening peak services as well as services throughout the day and into the late evening across all days of the week.

Since its enhancement in December 2023, Route 360 has seen an increase in customer trips of 16%, with this growth trend continuing into the Spring months. Customer usage has grown across all segments, but also among all parts of the route where customers are availing of the ability to make numerous local trips using public transport. We would expect growth in the Tourist season with travel to Tramore and students travelling to the SETU.



What passengers have said



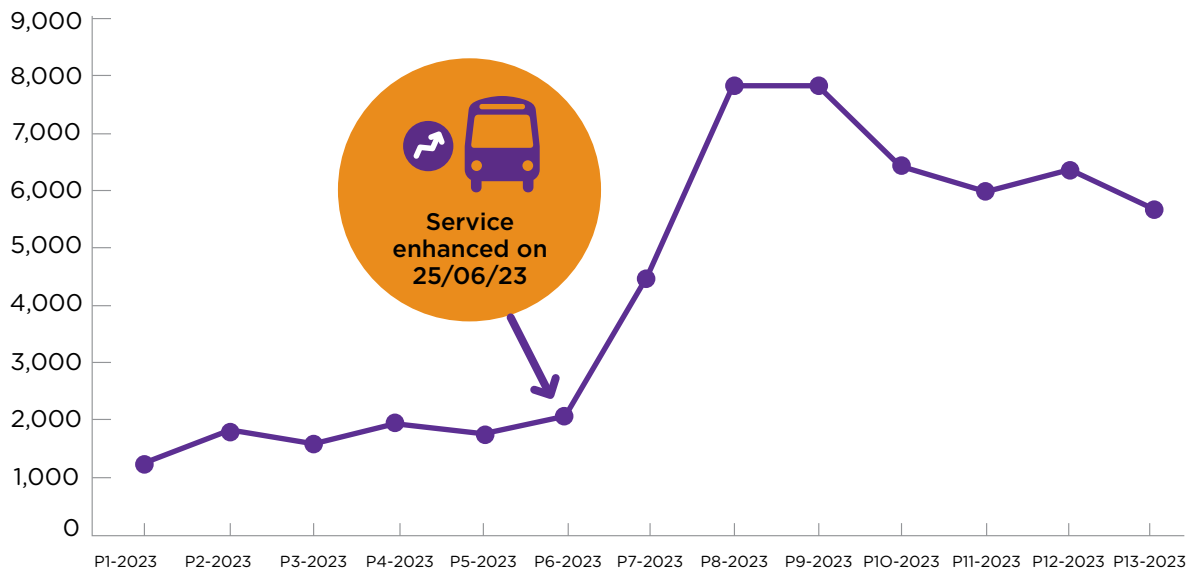
“The new timetables between Waterford & Tramore are so convenient, delivering more services and stops and it makes using the bus so easy for all of life’s day to day activities”

Case Study Route 270 - Skibereen to Killarney:

As part of the Connecting Ireland Plan, the NTA and Bus Éireann identified the need for increased demand on Route 270 which provides year-round connectivity between West Cork and Kerry. The enhanced route now links Skibbereen to Killarney five times per day seven days a week, serving Bantry, Ballylickey, Glengarriff, and Kenmare from where it runs twelve times per day serving Kilgarvan, Glenflesk and Killarney. Route 270 was designed to meet all customer needs, providing morning and evening peak services as well as services throughout the day and into the late evening seven days a week.

Since its introduction in June 2023, Route 270 has seen an increase of over 221% in customer trips, with this growth trend continuing into the Autumn months. Customer usage has grown across all segments, particularly among tourists travelling between West Cork and Kerry, but also among all parts of the route where customers are availing of the ability to make numerous local trips using public transport. We would expect growth in the 3rd Level Students travelling to college market particularly at weekends as Tralee is now linked to West Cork via Route 270 at Killarney.

Route 270: Skibereen to Killarney - Periodic Patronage 2023



What passengers have said



“The enhanced Route 270 is great news for all passengers along the route.

As a proud resident of West Cork, it is now so easy to visit our neighbours in Kerry using public transport for the first time. It was great to travel on a bus full of locals and tourists and hear all the positivity about the bus and how scenic the journey is.



I can only see usage of this service growing and growing and becoming part of our day-to-day life in West Cork and Kerry.

Coverage and Integration

Coverage

Historically, rural public transport in Ireland often has had less coverage and accessibility than urban transport, due to smaller population sizes and greater distances between destinations. The Plan aims to improve the extent and ease of access to which rural areas are served by public transport. The map on the next page shows the routes which were implemented within Phase 2 of the Plan:

Within the 2023 Phase 2 implementations, the Connecting Ireland Plan increased coverage and accessibility throughout rural Ireland. Some accessibility and coverage highlights include;

- A total of 190 new towns & villages have been connected to the public transport network.
- 42 new connections to healthcare facilities.
- 34 new connections to higher education facilities.
- Around 500,000 people have access to new and enhanced services as a result of Phase 1 and 2 combined.

Integration

The Plan aims to improve the coordination and connections of different bus and rail services in order to provide a seamless and efficient transport system throughout rural Ireland.

Phase 2 implementations saw;

- 100% of new and enhanced services designed to provide connections with existing regional and local bus services.
- 49 new and enhanced services provide connections with existing rail services.



Legend

- Phase 1 Routes
- Phase 2 Routes



Figure 2: Connecting Ireland Phase 1 + 2 Implementation Route Map

Phase 2 Key Achievements

Since the implementation of Phase 2 in January 2023, Connecting Ireland has delivered 65 new and enhanced bus services nationwide. The introduction of these services has provided increased connectivity to educational, employment and healthcare facilities as well as improved access to the wider TFI bus and rail network. These improvements to the TFI Network provide people living outside major towns and cities a more connected, affordable and sustainable way to travel.



people now have access to the new and enhanced bus services



passenger journeys took place on the 65 new and enhanced bus services



patronage growth on the enhanced services in 2023 vs 2022



passenger journeys took place on the 24 new services



passenger journeys took place on the 41 enhanced services



Connected
new towns and villages



of the new and enhanced services provide connections with rail services



weekly kilometres have been added to the TFI Public Transport Network



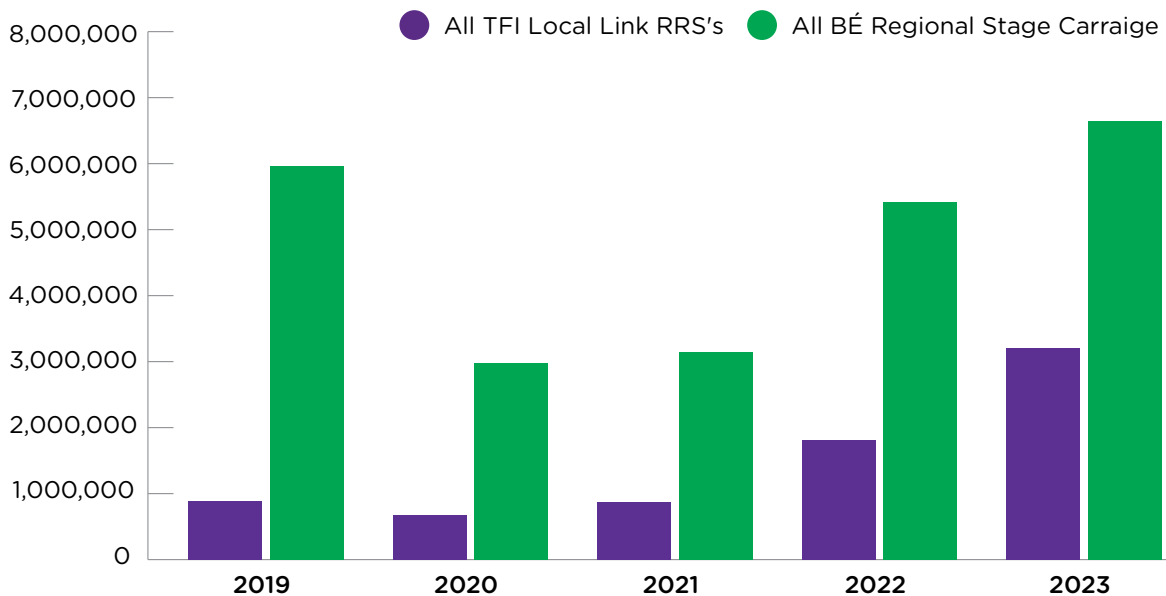
Patronage

Patronage in relation to public transport refers to the number of people who use public transport services. It is an important indicator of public transport performance and usage, as it provides insights into the demand for public transport services and the required level of service. It can also be used as a proxy to measure the impact of public transport on the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of a region. Herein, patronage refers to the passenger journeys used on Connecting Ireland (CI) routes as reported by the relevant operators.

Network Patronage

Figure below outlines the total passenger journeys carried on TFI Local Link (TFI LL) and Bus Éireann (BÉ) stage carriage services from 2019 to 2023. In 2019 a total of 6,854,738 passenger journeys were recorded across both TFI Local Link Regular Rural Services (RRS's) & Regional Stage Carriage compared to 9,844,013 in 2023.

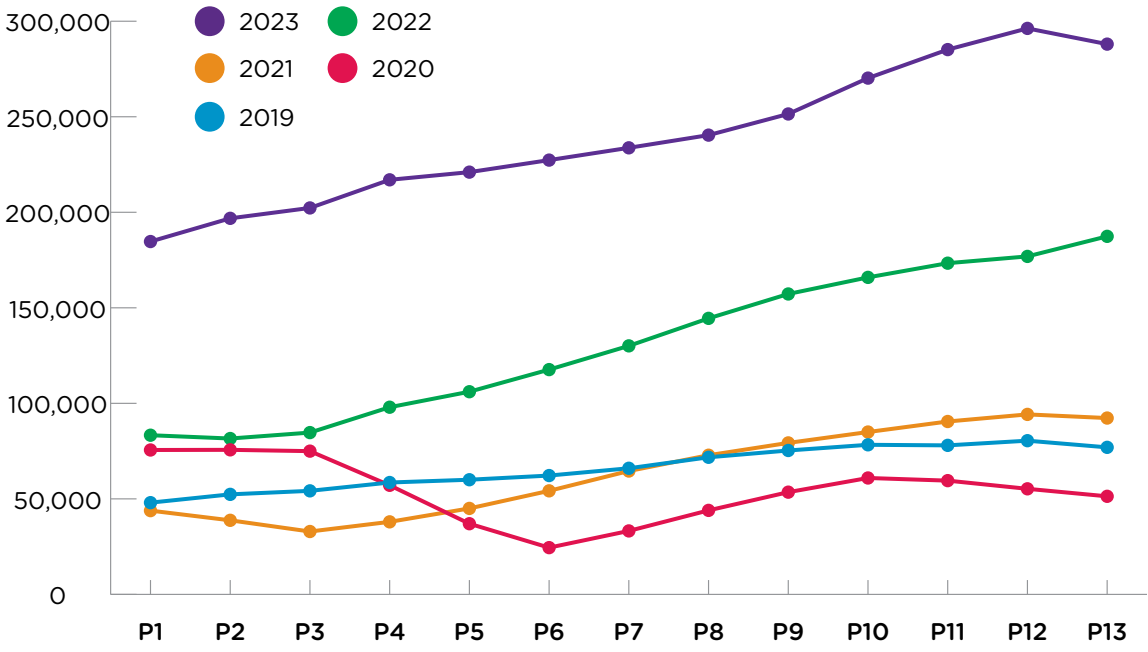
TFI Local Link RRS's and Bus Éireann Regional Stage Carriage Total Patronage 2019-2023



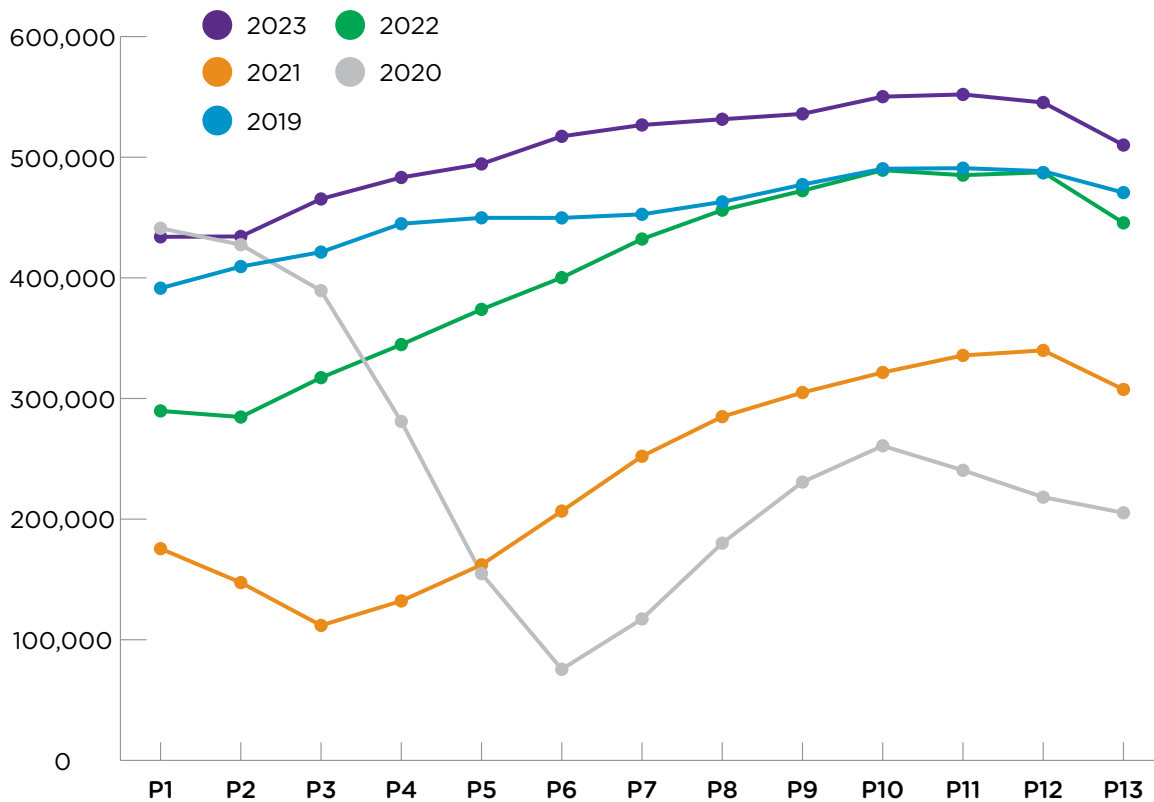
The COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on patronage levels from the end of 2020 onwards as public health measures were introduced. These measures included reducing public transport capacity to as low as 25% and as a result, the public were urged to only use public transport for essential journeys. Patronage levels have slowly increased since, and in 2023 now exceed that of the pre pandemic era. The figures below show the rolling average patronage for TFI Local Link RRS's & Bus Éireann Regional Stage carriage. TFI Local Link RRS's is up 274% in P13 2023 compared to P13 2019.



TFI Local Link RRS's Patronage (Rolling Average)



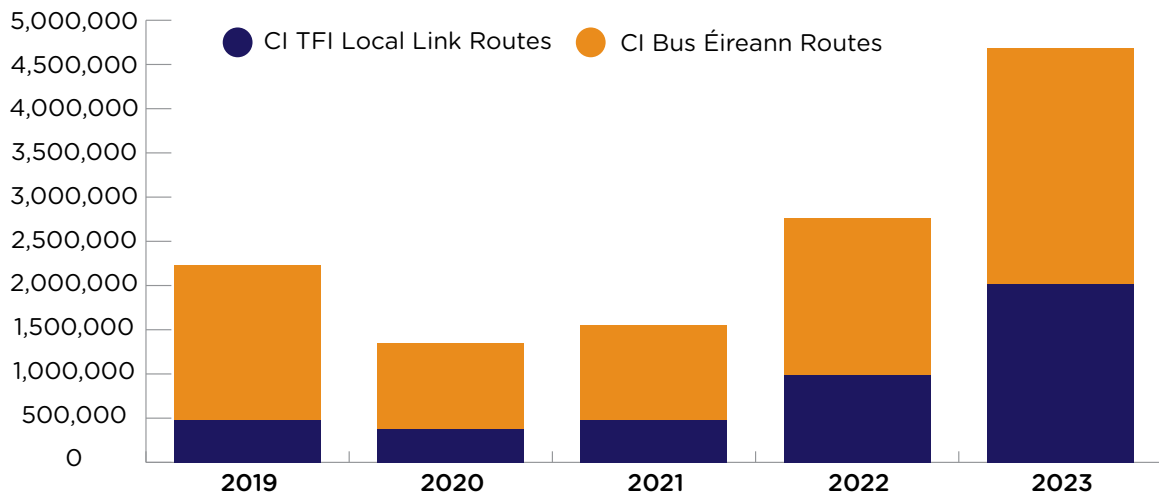
Bus Éireann Connecting Ireland Patronage (Rolling Average)



Whilst the Connecting Ireland Plan began in 2022, for the purpose of this report and to allow for comparison, Connecting Ireland patronage figures from 2019 to 2021 refer to the passenger journeys undertaken on TFI Local Link or Bus Éireann routes that would later become enhanced / extended under Phase 1 and 2 of the Connecting Ireland Plan.

A total of 4.7 million passenger journeys were carried on Connecting Ireland services in 2023, this includes patronage on new routes and includes patronage on routes before enhancements/extensions were introduced. This represents an increase of 110% when compared with patronage figures in 2019 and an increase of 70% when compared with patronage figures in 2022.

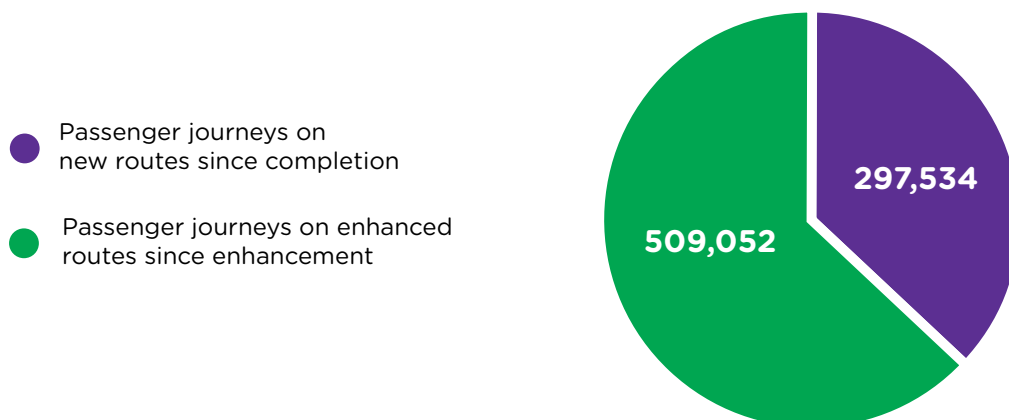
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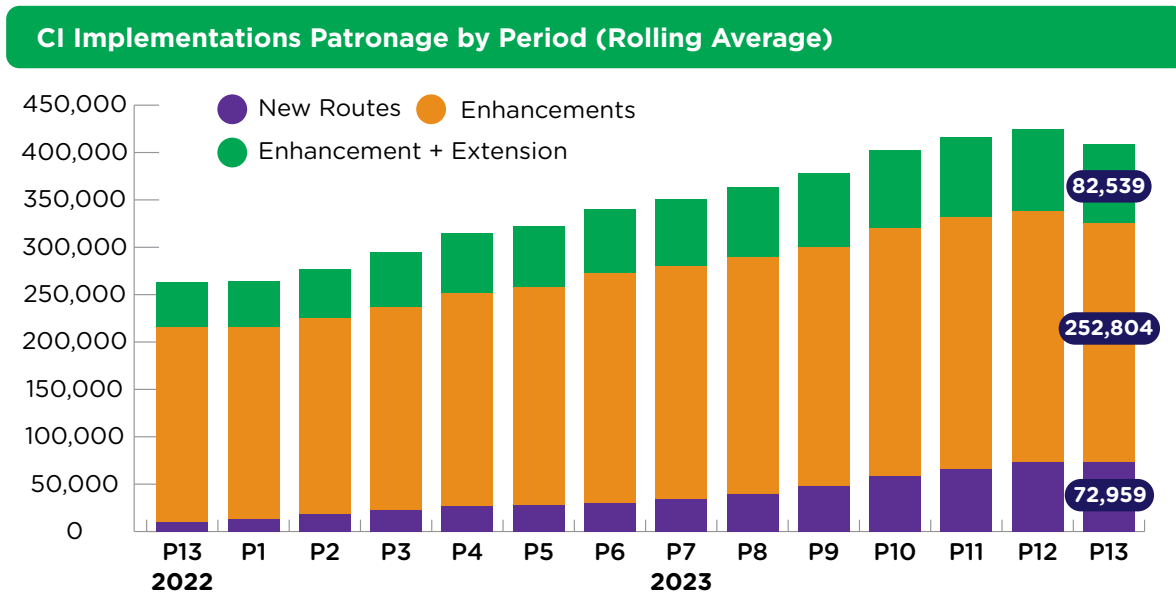
2023 Implementations

There was a total of 806,586 passenger journeys undertaken on Connecting Ireland routes measured from the date they were introduced/enhanced in 2023. The figure below shows the passenger split across each improvement type with new routes accounting for 37% and enhancements accounting for 63% of the passenger journeys carried in 2023.

Phase 2 Routes Total Patronage by Improvement 2023



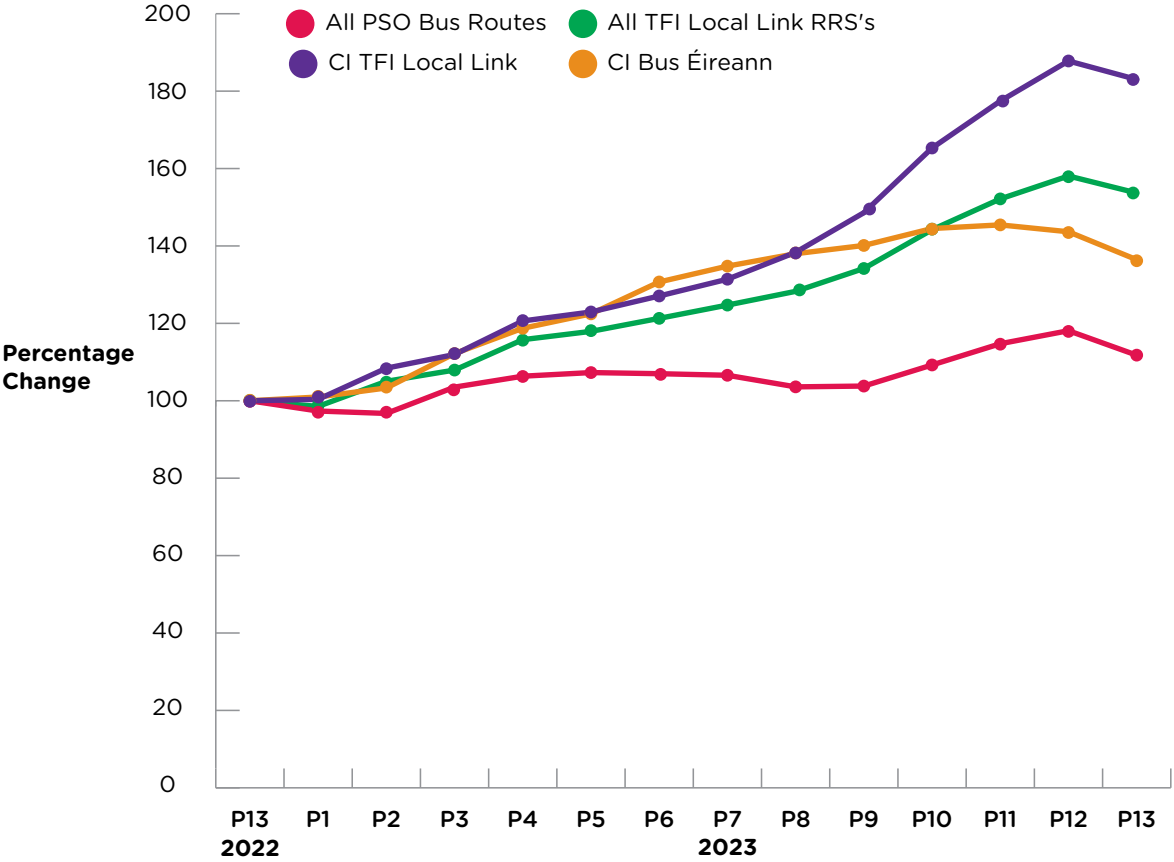
Market Trend



The rolling average analysis of Connecting Ireland data indicates an uptrend in patronage for all three categories of modified services: new, enhanced, and enhanced + extended. Patronage on new routes has surged from 9,586 in Period 13 of 2022 to 72,959 in Period 13 of 2023. Enhanced routes have seen a rise in patronage from 206,524 to over 252,000 during the corresponding periods. Lastly, routes that underwent both enhancement and extension have experienced an increase in patronage, climbing from 46,745 to 82,539.



CI Implementations Market Trend P13 2022 - P13 2023



In Period 13 of 2023, TFI Local Link recorded 268,380 passenger journeys on RRS's, a significant increase from 202,144 in the same period in 2022. Meanwhile, Connecting Ireland routes accounted for 180,624 passenger journeys, constituting 67% of the total. Bus Éireann reported 641,385 passenger journeys on all regional stage carriage services in Period 13, up from 585,113 in the corresponding period of 2022. Additionally, Connecting Ireland Bus Éireann routes recorded 194,726 passenger journeys in Period 13, representing 30% of all Bus Éireann regional stage carriage passenger journeys.

Vehicle KM

Vehicle-kilometres is a metric used in the public transport industry to measure the total distance travelled by vehicles in a particular time period. It is calculated by multiplying the number of vehicles in service by the total distance travelled by each vehicle during the period in question.

In Phase 1, there was approximately 110,800 weekly Vehicle KMs added through new and enhanced services. This consisted of approximately;

- 36,700km for new services;
- 19,600km for routes with timetable enhancements; and
- 54,600km on routes where the timetable was enhanced as well as the route being extended.

In Phase 2, there was around 122,000 additional weekly vehicle kilometres added to the network, consisting of approximately:

- 43,000km for new services
- 79,000km for routes with timetable enhancements

The tables outlining the breakdown by route of the increased weekly vehicle KM added through phase 1 and 2 implementations can be found in the appendix.



Look Ahead

Smart DRT Pilot

There are estimated to be c.350,000 people living in areas not suited to fixed route public transport services. These areas are typically highly remote, sparsely populated and may not have roads that can accommodate bus services. TFI Local Link currently provides over 1,000 Demand Responsive (DRT) services, connecting remote areas to local towns and villages. In 2025, the Authority will implement a pilot Smart DRT service as part of the Connecting Ireland Plan. The Smart DRT service will be app enabled and will provide both local trips and integrated ‘first and last mile’ connections to fixed route bus and rail services. It is anticipated that by using smart booking and trip allocation and routing technology, it will be possible to offer a more efficient, comprehensive and flexible DRT service within a large rural area.

Phase 3 - Look Ahead for Q1 and Q2

The below table outlines the Implementation Plan for Phase 3 routes to be rolled out in Q1 and Q2 2024. The Plan will be kept under continuous review and further routes may be considered for implementation during 2024.

Services Implemented in 2024 so far:

Route Number	Route Name/Description	Operator	Implementation Date	Details
292	Donegal - Ballyshannon	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	04/01/2024	Enhancement
831	Rathdowney - Portlaoise	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	06/01/2024	New route
189	Enfield - Longwood - Trim - Dunderry - Robinstown - Navan	TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	29/01/2024	New route
880	Naas - Carlow	TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin	29/01/2024	Enhancement

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192	Balbriggan - Swords	TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	19/02/2024	New route
163	Brú na Bóinne - Drogheda	TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	26/02/2024	New route
800/885	Baltinglass - Sallins	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	11/03/2024	Enhancement
170	Cavan - Dundalk	Bus Éireann	24/03/2024	Enhancement
359	Enniscorthy - New Ross	TFI Local Link Wexford	15/04/2024	New route
892	Dunlavin/ Kilcullen - Newbridge	TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin	07/05/2024	Enhancement

Services to be implemented in Q1 and Q2 2024

Route Number	Route Name/Description	Operator	Details
354	Carrick-on-Suir - Dunmore East	Bus Éireann	Enhancement
276	Castlemaine - Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis	TFI Local Link Kerry	Enhancement
567	Carrick-on-Shannon - Manorhamilton	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	New Route
187	Virginia - Kells	Bus Éireann	Enhancement

The estimated implementation dates are indicative and may change for a number of reasons:

- The duration of the planning and design process, involving liaison with local authorities, TFI Local Link Offices, representatives, lobby groups, passengers and transport service providers to provide enhanced levels of service in response to growth and changes in demand for transport;
- Availability of service providers and drivers.

Given the rapidly changing environment, it is important that the Connecting Ireland team is able to be agile and flexible in its management of the Plan, so that where progress is impacted, other plans can be advanced instead. This update reflects the Authority's intention as of today, but is likely to change to respond to changing circumstances.



Appendix

Phase 1 Implementation List:

Proposal ID	Route Number	Description	Operator	Estimated Operational Timescales*
176	176	Cavan - Monaghan	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	11/04/2022
195	195	Ashbourne - Balbriggan	TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	23/05/2022
B1	331	Ballyvaughan - Ennis	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	27/05/2022
840	840	Banagher - Tullamore	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	01/06/2022
978	978	Belmullet - Castlebar	TFI Local Link Mayo	13/06/2022
339	339	Loophead - Kilrush	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	01/09/2022
264	264	Ballyshannon - Letterkenny	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	12/09/2022
A21	572	Sligo - Ballinamore	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	12/09/2022
953	953	Greencastle - Letterkenny	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	12/09/2022
977	977	Ballaghderreen - Sligo	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	12/09/2022
880	880	Naas - Carlow	TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin	19/09/2022
368	368	Eniscorthy - New Ross (via Clonroch)	TFI Local Link Wexford	24/09/2022
369	369	Tullow - Bunclody - Enniscorthy	TFI Local Link Wexford	24/09/2022



Proposal ID	Route Number	Description	Operator	Estimated Operational Timescales*
419B	431	An Cheathrú Rua - Costelloe - Ballinrobe - Claremorris	TFI Local Link Galway	03/10/2022
B17	595	Tarbert - Croom	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	03/10/2022
A33	821	Newbridge - Naas via Allenwood	TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin	17/10/2022
A30	823	Birr - Portlaoise	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	20/10/2022
41	167	Mullingar - Kells - Ardee - Dundalk	Bus Éireann	23/10/2022
29	190	Athlone - Drogheda	Bus Éireann	23/10/2022
314	314	Limerick - Ballybunion via Foynes	Bus Éireann	23/10/2022
320	320	Charleville - Limerick	Bus Éireann	23/10/2022
328	328	Limerick - Mitchelstown	Bus Éireann	23/10/2022
332	332	Limerick - Cashel	Bus Éireann	23/10/2022

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345	345	Scariff - Limerick	Bus Éireann	23/10/2022
25	466	Athlone - Longford - Cavan	Bus Éireann	23/10/2022
608	354	Portlaw - Dunmore East	Bus Éireann	01/11/2022
609	358	Tramore - Dunmore East - Passage East - Waterford	TFI Local Link Waterford	01/11/2022
475A	981	Sligo - Coolaney	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	07/11/2022
419A	432	Clifden - Roundstone - An Cheathrú Rua	TFI Local Link Galway	16/11/2022
183	183	Arklow - Sallins	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	05/12/2022
A84	523	Mitchelstown - Mallow	TFI Local Link Cork	05/12/2022
A79	546	Ballinasloe - Castlerea via Moylough	TFI Local Link Galway	05/12/2022
M1	M1	Knockatallon - Monaghan Institute	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	05/12/2022
M2	M2	Ballybay - Monaghan Institute	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	05/12/2022
M3	M3	Emyvale - Glaslough - Tyholland	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	05/12/2022
257	257	Macroom - Killarney via Mill Street	Bus Éireann	11/12/2022
B14	283	Currans - Tralee	TFI Local Link Kerry	12/12/2022
243B	522	Charleville - Mallow	TFI Local Link Cork	12/12/2022

Table below, outlines the breakdown by route of the increased weekly vehicle KM added through phase 1 implementations:

Route Number	Operator	Description	Increased Vehicle KM
176	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Cavan - Monaghan	900 weekly veh kms
195	TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	Ashbourne - Balbriggan	215 weekly veh kms
331	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	Ballyvaughan - Ennis	1,600 weekly veh kms
840	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	Banagher - Tullamore	3,400 weekly veh kms
978	TFI Local Link Mayo	Belmullet - Castlebar	3,500 weekly veh kms
339	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	Loophead - Kilrush	500 weekly veh kms
264	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Ballyshannon - Letterkenny	700 weekly veh kms
572	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Sligo - Ballinamore	1,200 weekly veh kms
953	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Greencastle - Letterkenny	1,300 weekly veh kms
977	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Ballaghderreen - Sligo	900 weekly veh kms
880	TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin	Naas - Carlow	1,253 weekly veh kms
368	TFI Local Link Wexford	Eniscorthy - New Ross (via Clonroch)	590 weekly veh kms
369	TFI Local Link Wexford	Tullow - Bunclody - Enniscorthy	
431	TFI Local Link Galway	An Cheathrú Rua - Casla - Ballinrobe - Claremorris	4,900 weekly veh kms

Route Number	Operator	Description	Increased Vehicle KM
595	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	Tarbert - Croom	3000 weekly veh kms
821	TFI Local Link Kildare South Dublin	Newbridge - Naas via Allenwood	3,900 weekly veh kms
823	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	Birr - Portlaoise	3,800 weekly veh kms
167	Bus Éireann	Mullingar - Kells - Ardee - Dundalk	7,950 weekly veh kms
190	Bus Éireann	Athlone - Drogheda	15,390 weekly veh kms
314	Bus Éireann	Limerick - Ballybunion via Foynes	5,055 weekly veh kms
320	Bus Éireann	Charleville - Limerick	90 weekly veh kms
328	Bus Éireann	Limerick - Mitchelstown	3,422 weekly veh kms
332	Bus Éireann	Limerick - Cashel	4,978 weekly veh kms
345	Bus Éireann	Scariff - Limerick	2,700 weekly veh kms
466	Bus Éireann	Athlone - Longford - Cavan	7,295 weekly veh kms
354	Bus Éireann	Portlaoise - Dunmore East	5,600 weekly veh kms.
358	TFI Local Link Waterford	Tramore - Dunmore East - Passage East - Waterford	
981	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Sligo - Coolaney	700 weekly veh kms
432	TFI Local Link Galway	Clifden - Roundstone - An Cheathrú Rua	4,200 weekly veh kms



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183	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	Arklow - Sallins	6,400 weekly veh kms
523	TFI Local Link Cork	Mitchelstown - Mallow	1,500 weekly veh kms
546	TFI Local Link Galway	Ballinasloe - Castlerea via Moylough	2,900 weekly veh kms
M1	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Knockatallon - Monaghan Institute	260 weekly kms
M2	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Ballybay - Monaghan Institute	310 weekly kms
M3	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Emyvale - Glaslough - Tyholland	1,792 weekly kms
257	Bus Éireann	Macroom - Killarney via Mill Street	4,400 weekly veh kms
283	TFI Local Link Kerry	Currans - Tralee	1,400 weekly veh kms
522	TFI Local Link Cork	Charleville - Mallow	2,800 weekly veh kms



Table below, outlines the breakdown by route of the increased weekly vehicle KM added through phase 2 implementations:

Route Number	Operator	Description	Increased Vehicle KM
897	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	Kilkenny - Castlecomer - Carlow - Athy	4,231
188	TFI Local Link Louth Meath Fingal	Athboy - Drogheda via Navan and Duleek	6,663
384	TFI Local Link Wexford	Enniscorthy - Bree - Killurin - Wexford	2,419
438	TFI Local Link Galway	Tuam - Headford - Corrundulla - Menlo - Galway	1,680
232	TFI Local Link Cork	Allihies - Dursey Sound - Castletownbere - Bantry - Kilcrohane	3,120
356	TFI Local Link Waterford	Dungarvan - Ballymacarbry - Clonmel	1,842
270	Bus Éireann	Skibbereen - Bantry - Kenmare - Killarney	13,824

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281	TFI Local Link Kerry	Waterville - Sneem - Kenmare	1,656
978	TFI Local Link Mayo	Belmullet - Castlebar	684
387	TFI Local Link Wexford	Wexford Town - Rosslare Harbour via Rosslare Strand	1,866
280	TFI Local Link Kerry	Waterville - Cahersiveen - Killorglin - Killarney	3,135
171	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Shercock - Carrickmacross - Inniskeen - Dundalk	1,219
274	TFI Local Link Kerry	Tarbert - Ballybunion - Ballyheigue - Ardfert - Tralee	1,481
426	TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	Longford - Knockanboy - Killashee - Ballyleague - Roscommon	1,207
834	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	Roscrea - Mountrath - Portlaoise	357
363	TFI Local Link Waterford	Tallow - Lismore - Cappoquin - Dungarvan	1,041
388	TFI Local Link Wexford	Wexford - Barntown - Foulksmills - Wellingtonbridge - Duncormick - Bridgetown	3,322
667	TFI Local Link Waterford	Waterford - Dungarvan	638

Route Number	Operator	Description	Increased Vehicle KM
399	TFI Local Link Wexford	Fethard - Ramsgrange - Ballyhack - New Ross	1,283
392	TFI Local Link Wexford	Wellingtonbridge - Ballycullane - Newbawn - New Ross	733
822	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	Mountrath - Abbeyleix - Carlow	1,397
170	Bus Éireann	Cavan - Bailieborough - Kingscourt - Carrickmacross - Dundalk	7,086
318	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	Ennis - Quin - Limerick	1,133
342	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	Ennis - Clooney - Tulla - Feakle	846
344	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	Ennis - Clooney - Tulla - Feakle - Scarriff - Mountshannon - Whitegate	0
819	TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	Mullingar - Castletown Geoghegan - Athlone	1,660
887	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	Carlow - Bagenalstown - Graiguenamanagh - New Ross	944
850	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	Roscrea - Templemore - Roscrea - Birr - Banagher - Cloghan - Athlone	2,500
329	Bus Éireann	Limerick - Ballyneety - Bruff - Kilmallock - Kilfinane	3,249
357	TFI Local Link Waterford	Youghal - Clashmore - AGLISH - Villerstown - Whitechurch - Dungarvan	1,161

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354	Bus Éireann	Carrick-on-Suir - Portlaoigh - Waterford - Dunmore East	3,204
176	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Monaghan - Clones - Cavan	401
521	TFI Local Link Limerick Clare	Newcastle West - Charleville	333
929	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Corlough - Ballinamore - Cavan	57
982	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Ballyshannon - Maughferrow - Sligo	616
454	TFI Local Link Mayo	Ballina - Crossmolina - Lahardane - Pontoon - Turlough - Castlebar	423
563	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Sligo - Dromahair	331
566	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Dowra - Dromkeeran - Sligo	56
981	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Coolaney - Sligo - Dromahair	4,179
977	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Castlerea - Ballaghaderreen - Sligo	1,645
126	NTA Contract	Dublin - Kildare - Rathangan	0
885	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	Sallins - Naas - Blessington - Ballymore Eustace - Baltinglass	19
322	TFI Local Link Tipperary	Portumna - Terryglass - Ballinderry - Dromineer - Ballycommon - Nenagh	0

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547	TFI Local Link Galway	Portumna - Ballycrossaun - Eyrecourt - Ballinure - Ballinasloe	39
C2	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Cavan - Kilnaleck	40
C3	TFI Local Link Cavan Monaghan	Redhills - Farnham Estate	36
272	Bus Éireann	Tralee - Listowel - Ballybunion	2,192
279	Bus Éireann	Tralee - Castlemaine - Milltown - Killorglin - Killarney	4,183
356	TFI Local Link Waterford	Dungarvan - Ballymacarbry - Clonmel	1,842
361	TFI Local Link Waterford	Youghal - Ardmore - Dungarvan	72
364	TFI Local Link Waterford	Tallow - Fermoy	19
923	Commercial Bus Operator	Galway - Clifden	0
360/A	Bus Éireann	Tramore - Waterford	9,947
419	Bus Éireann	Clifden - Galway	1,047
423	Bus Éireann	Clifden - Letterfrack - Leenaun - Westport	2,115
424	Bus Éireann	Leitir Mealláin - An Cheathrú Rua - Casla - An Spidéal - Bearna - Galway	5,617



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458	Bus Éireann	Ballina - Inniscrone - Ballisodare - Sligo	2,344
425A	Bus Éireann	Galway - Monivea - Caltra - Mountbellew	2,438
S2	Bus Éireann	Strandhill - Sligo - Rosses Point	6,032
268	TfI Local Link Kerry	Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis - Ballydavid - Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis	0
276	TfI Local Link Kerry	Castlemaine - Annascaul - Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis	0
277	TfI Local Link Kerry	Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis - Ceann Trá - Baile an Fheirtéaraigh - Dhún Chaoin	53
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819	TFI Local Link Longford Westmeath Roscommon	Mullingar - Castletown Geoghegan - Athlone	1,660
887	TFI Local Link Carlow Kilkenny Wicklow	Carlow - Bagenalstown - Graiguenamanagh - New Ross	944
850	TFI Local Link Laois Offaly	Roscrea - Templemore - Roscrea - Birr - Banagher - Cloghan - Athlone	2,500
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425A	Bus Éireann	Galway - Monivea - Caltra - Mountbellew	2,438
S2	Bus Éireann	Strandhill - Sligo - Rosses Point	6,032
268	TFI Local Link Kerry	Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis - Ballydavid-Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis	0
276	TFI Local Link Kerry	Castlemaine - Annascaul - Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis	0
277	TFI Local Link Kerry	Dingle/Daingean Uí Chúis - Ceann Trá - Baile an Fheirtéaraigh - Dhún Chaoin	53
572	TFI Local Link Donegal Sligo Leitrim	Ballinamore - Riverstown - Sligo	185



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